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SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF NEW REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN

REF: A. KABUL 3397, B. STATE 111645, C. TEHRAN 4167,
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1. AFTERNOON MAY 3, I MET AGAIN WITH MY OECD COLLEAGUES
PLUS THE SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND TURKISH CHARGE. PER
INSTRUCTIONS IN REF B, I GAVE THEM THE TEXT OF THE APPROVED
NOTE CONTAINED REF A. I ALSO INDICATED THAT MY INSTRUCTIONS
ARE TO HOLD UP DELIVERY OF OUR NOTE UNTIL MAY 4 OR 5 AT THE
LATEST, SO THAT WE CAN GET THE VIEWS OF THE IRANIANS AND
PAKISTANIS. AS MAY 5 IS A FRIDAY, AND THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT
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WILL NOT BE WORKING THAT DAY, I INDICATED WE COULD POSTPONE
THE DELIVERY OF OUR NOTE UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 6.

2. THE BRITISH, GERMAN, AND FRENCH ALL INDICATED IT
WAS THEIR EXPECTATION THEY WOULD DELIVER THEIR NOTES
ON SATURDAY. THE JAPANESE, ITALIAN, AND SOUTH KOREAN
WILL TRY TO BE READY BY SATURDAY. THE TURK HAD NO

INSTRUCTIONS.

3. I THINK IT WOULD BE HIGHLY INADVISABLE TO DELAY BEYOND SATURDAY, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE PRINCIPAL WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE ALL IN TANDEM. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO TIE OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW REGIME HERE TO THE VERY SPECIAL, ALBEIT IMPORTANT ALSO TO US, PROBLEMS OF THE IRANIANS AND THE PAKISTANIS. I THINK WE WILL GET OFF TO A BAD START WITH THE NEW REGIME HERE AND JEOPARDIZE WHAT-EVER CHANCES WE HAVE OF A SMOOTH WORKING RELATIONSHIP IF WE WERE TO DELAY BEYOND SATURDAY, AND IF THE AFGHANS WERE TO PERCEIVE THAT OUR RECOGNITION POLICY WAS TIED TO THAT OF IRAN AND PAKISTAN. I HOPE AMBASSADORS SULLIVAN AND HUMMEL WILL BE ABLE TO PERSUADE THE IRANIANS AND THE PAKISTANIS TO MOVE PROMPTLY SO THAT THEY, TOO, WILL GET OFF TO A GOOD START WITH THE NEW REGIME HERE. SURELY THE IRANIANS AND THE PAKISTANIS WOULD PROFIT NOTHING BY DELAYING MUCH LONGER.

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